

2003 COMMISSIONER'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE



Fredericksburg District Structure & Bridge Safety Inspection Team *Innovation & Quality Improvement*

Fredericksburg District

Team Members

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Stuart Gentry

The work of this team has been recognized by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) as a model of excellence for all bridge safety inspection organizations. That high praise was merited because each of the team members demonstrates a personal commitment to work of the highest quality. That quality is reflected in their field inspections, reports, and records. Their dedication emanates not only from team members' pride in their work, but also from a continuing concern for the safety of motorists.

A FHWA review commended the Fredericksburg inspection program for good work in several areas, including: "using a Global Positioning System unit to verify and improve" the accuracy of structure locations; providing "excellent documentation for inspecting fracture critical and fatigue prone details," and increasing "the quality of inspection reports."

The team's guiding principle is to never leave the site of a structure "unless they are convinced that there is nothing that could compromise the safety of the traveling public." The recognition by the FHWA brings praise not only to the team; it also is a reflection of VDOT as a leader in developing a highly motivated and competent workforce.

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